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MR. SPEAKER :—" Freely? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I expected this suggestion least from the hon. Member, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" நண்பர் ராஜம் ராமசாமி அவர்களுடைய கேள்விக்குப் பதில் அளிக்கும்போது, எம்.எல்.ஏ.-க்கள் செலவு செய்துகொண்டு உடம்பைச் சோதித்துக் கொள்ளலாம் என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு மட்டும் இந்தச் சலுகை இருப்பதனால், சட்டசபை உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும் ஏன் கொடுக்கக்கூடாது என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All Government officers are entitled to certain privileges, as also non-gazetted people and employees of local bodies, drawing a salary below Rs. 300 and their families."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, will the Government make this check-up free to mothers with over six children? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to carry on propaganda for birth control, Sir."

Liquor permits to foreign tourists

* 1260 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of temporary liquor permits issued to foreign tourists in the State by the Regional Tourist Officer, Madras, during 1953–54; and

(*b*) the conditions on which such permits are issued?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, will it not be in conformity with the policy of our Government to stop issuing liquor permits to foreign tourists who sojourn in our State from time to time?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have to observe certain international obligations, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know what the present position as far as these tourists are concerned is, whether they can take any quantity of liquor anywhere as they like or are they controlled by any rules and regulations governing our State? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They are not permitted to take more than eight units and they are controlled by rules and regulations."